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Report from Habana—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Special measures applied to travel to southern United States ports discontinued—Death of smallpox case removed from steamship Kronprinzessin Cecilia—Yellow fever.

Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf reports, January 8, as follows:

Week ended January 5, 1907.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	22
Vessels not inspected and bills of health issued.....	3
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected.....	853
Crew of outgoing vessels not inspected.....	199
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	1,096
Passengers of outgoing vessels not inspected.....	127
Vaccination certificates issued for Colon, Panama.....	19
Vessels fumigated prior to sailing.....	10

One case of yellow fever was reported on December 31, 1906. This made 8 cases of yellow fever reported in Habana during the month of December, 1 of which, reported December 26, 1906, was infected in Nueva Paz and arrived in Habana in his eighth day of illness. No deaths from this disease were reported.

The case of smallpox in a Chinaman who arrived from Vera Cruz December 22, 1906, on the German steamship *Kronprinzessin Cecilia*, and discovered with fever while in Triscornia detention camp as a yellow-fever suspect, resulted in death on the 5th instant. The patient developed the eruption while in Las Animas Hospital. All persons in Triscornia camp were vaccinated and the barracks were disinfected.

The issuance of health certificates to passengers for Florida points, inspection of baggage for southern ports, and the fumigation of steamships were discontinued on December 31, as was authorized under Bureau orders of December 27, 1906.

The fumigation of sailing vessels which have been at a wharf continues to be enforced.

I notified all steamship agents that the inspection of passengers will be made just before embarkation, and that the provisions of paragraph 8 of the quarantine regulations for foreign ports would be strictly enforced.

January 8. One new case yellow fever at Santa Clara reported to-day.

Case of smallpox on steamship Puerto Rico from Spanish and Porto Rican ports.

The following is the history of the case of smallpox removed from the steamship *Puerto Rico*. From the records at Las Animas Hospital:

V. D. y R., age 22 years, native of Lugo, Spain, was taken sick December 27. Entered hospital 10.30 a. m., January 6, 1907.

Embarked at Corunna December 11, 1906. Had been in Ponce one and one-half days, in Mayaguez two days, and was afterwards about four days on voyage to Habana. Had never been vaccinated.

In company with Passed Assistant Surgeon Stansfield I saw the patient during the afternoon of January 7, and found the case to be one of well advanced, moderately severe confluent smallpox, in about the

tenth or twelfth day of illness. The patient stated that he first noticed the eruption when in Mayaguez, that he sailed from Corunna at 11 p. m., on December 11, arrived at Ponce, where he remained two days, and went thence to Mayaguez for one and one-half days, and that he had not been to San Juan. Had never been vaccinated. Had had headache for four days before he noticed the eruption.

This statement does not conform with the information received from the steamship agents.

According to the Habana agents the itinerary of this vessel was the following:

Barcelona, Valencia, Alicante, Malaga, and Corunna, sailing from Corunna December 11, 1906, for San Juan, Porto Rico, arriving at San Juan December 25, 1906. The vessel then touched at Mayaguez and Ponce, sailing from Ponce December 30, 1906, and arrived at Puerto Padre January 2, 1907; sailed from Puerto Padre for Habana and from Habana for Mariel.

The following information was obtained from the quarantine officer at this port who boarded the vessel: The vessel arrived January 6, 1907, with crew 56, cabin passengers 19, steerage passengers 409. The case of smallpox appeared to be in the eighth day of eruption. The ship's surgeon had a note in his book that the man reported sick January 1 at night and that he had an eruption.

The dates of United States bills of health examined by him were as follows:

Spanish steamship *Puerto Rico*: Barcelona, November 30; Pabona, December 1; Valencia, December 3; Alicante, December 4; Malaga, December 5; Cadiz, December 7; Vigo, December 10; Corunna, December 11; San Juan, P. R., December 27; Mayaguez, December 28; Ponce, December 29.

The vessel arrived at Puerto Padre January 2, sailed January 4, and arrived at Habana January 6, 1907, and was remanded to Mariel the same day after disembarking the case of smallpox for treatment at Las Animas Hospital.

Report from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels—Summary, month of December, 1906.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, January 7, as follows:

Week ended January 5, 1907. Bills of health issued to 4 vessels bound for United States ports.

Since December 22 no new cases of yellow fever have been reported within this province.

Bills of health issued to 12 vessels leaving for the United States, having an aggregate number of 345 crew and 3 passengers in transit for Cuban and Mexican ports; 4 immune certificates and 1 certificate of protection from smallpox granted to passengers bound for the United States by way of Habana.

One case of yellow fever in a Spanish immigrant recently arrived from his native country was reported as confirmed at Cardenas on December 22. The infection in this case was traceable to Cruces, Santa Clara Province. The patient recovered and has been discharged.